

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership works to retain, expand & attract business to our region. I am writing to you today in regards to the competition of long distance service. It is our hope that the Federal Communications Commission would enact policies & regulations that enhance competition, not impede it. This goal can be accomplished, however the market must be open to competitors. It is important that real competition exists so consumers can benefit from lower prices and more available choices, particularly at this challenging time in the telecommunications industry. Real competition will benefit businesses, residents and continued growth within the industry.

Without this legislation, California is sending a negative signal to businesses that are considering investing here. It's time to make the regulatory environment stable & successful in attracting & maintaining businesses. It is time that California contribute towards the future of telecommunications growth & investments. California's telecommunications regulations are working; they have been tested & proven for well over a decade.

Cordially,

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